

## John W. Lawson Is Victim Of Cancer

John W. (Jack) Lawson, Brooklyn rural mail carrier for seven years, died Friday morning at his home in Brooklyn, a victim of cancer. Since last summer, he had been hospitalized intermittently in Veterans hospital in Iowa City. He was 51 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock at Grace Methodist church with the Rev. C.W. Woollard officiating. Leo Shuler was organist.

Interment was in I.O.O.F. cemetery where Masonic rites were in charge of Harold Murphy of Hedrick.

Pallbearers were William Heitsman, Donald Coburn, J.A. Warfel, Lloyd Cleppe, L.L. Kinnamon and Ross Wylie.

Flower attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice De Geeter.

John Walter Lawson, son of Robert and Vivien B. Lawson, was born July 24, 1914, at Brooklyn, and died December 3, 1965. He had lived his entire life in the Brooklyn community, graduating from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1931, before attending the University of Iowa for a time.

He was married to Kathryn Pfantz of State Center February 22, 1941. Four children were born to the couple: John W. Lawson II, a student at Grinnell college; Mrs. Alfonso (Pamela) Rodriguez of Cedar Rapids; Michael L., a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Mary D. Lawson, at home.

He served in both the army and navy during World War II and saw extensive naval action in the South Pacific before being honorably discharged in October, 1945.

After returning from service, he worked for a time as a linotype operator at the Chronicle Printing Co., and later operated the Farm Service station here for five years. In 1958 he accepted the appointment as route two rural mail carrier from the Brooklyn office.

He was a member of Grace Methodist church, Masonic lodge, the American Legion and Rural Mail Carriers Association.

He is survived by his wife and four children; a grandson, Jeffery Rodriguez; his father, Robert H. Lawson of Brooklyn; two brothers, Albert Lawson of Iroquois, S.D., and Robert Lawson of Albany, N.Y.; and a sister, Eyan (Dona) Johnson of Brooklyn.

He preceded in death by his mother in October, 1954.

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